



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 11:21 a.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building, Angleton, Texas

Jill Carroll, Vice President, called the meeting to order in the absence of President Kristine Rivers and presented the agenda at 9:00 a.m. She reminded attendees to silence their phones and to sign in.

Attendance: 60 members were in attendance and no guests:

Host's Report: Pam West thanked this month's snack team: Mary Helen Israel, Becky McClendon, Jimmy Salinas, Connie Stolte, and Pam West.

Treasurer's Report: Don Sabathier presented the financial report for 1 July to 31 July 2017.

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 7,936.55
Revenue Summary	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 0.71
Expense Summary	(\$ 1,123.05)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 6,814.21

VMS and AT Updates / Awards: Peggy and Pete Romfh presented the following VT and AT hours year-to-date, and the members listed below were recognized for achieving recertification. Pete and Peggy noted that several members are very close to achieving 4,000- or 5,000-hour milestones.

Impact Data	Total # Adults and Youth
1 January – 31 August 2017	37,825

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours
1 January – 31 August 2017	12,644	1,276

Recertification (Sea Turtle Pin)
Neeta Allen Rainbo Johnson Roy Morgan Kim Richardson Robert Salzer

Volunteer Time (Service Projects): Oron Atkins presented the following opportunities. See information via <http://tmn-cot.org/Calendar/>.



- **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Flood Recovery Work Day**—September 16, at 8 a.m. (the field house had approximately eight inches of flood water)
- **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Xtreme Hummingbird Extravaganza**—September 16 and 23, **CANCELLED due to flooding**
- **TCWP at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Work Day**—September 21, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Contact Chris Kneupper kneupper@bazorianet.com
- **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Bird Banding**—September 23, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Annual Brazos Bend Butterfly Count**—**POSTPONED**; check Calendar
- **Discovery Environmental Education Program 2017-18 (DEEP)**—See below.

Outreach: Ruby Lewis shared the following, upcoming events and circulated sign-up sheets, as applicable:

- **2017 KRB Kids Day**—October 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Guadalupe Plaza Park
- **DEEP**—Multiple Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 10 through February 8. See Calendar; Ruby Lewis contact, rubylewis77515@ymail.com
- **Science Fest! at Lake Jackson Historical Museum**—September 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Ruby Lewis if interested, rubylewis77515@ymail.com

Ruby provided an overview of the DEEP program. The necessity of renewing background checks was queried; Ed Barrios is looking into whether or not it is required.

Advanced Training: Larry Ruhr shared the following, upcoming AT events. See information via <http://tmn-cot.org/Calendar/>.

- **Texas Waters Discussion Group**—September 13 (after today's meeting) and October 11, 12 to 1:30 p.m. in AgriLife meeting room
- **"Drought and Invasive Species" (webinar)**—September 14, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Raptor Flight Identification Workshop**—October 7, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and October 8, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A fundraiser for GCBO
- **TMN 18th Annual Meeting**—October 20-22, Corpus Christi (on-line registration).

Larry added that he and Jill Carroll are still working on a chapter AT event to be held on a Saturday in the fall, likely after the TMN state meeting due to the hurricane.

A Taste for Nature (ATFN) 2017: Marty Cornell, Event Chairman provided information about this biennial fundraising event produced by Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges and to be held on November 4 at the Dow Academic Center at Brazosport College. This year's event will benefit the improvement of the Cedar Lake Plantation Trail on the Stringfellow Unit of the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. He asked that anyone interested in attending the event contact him after the meeting or at marty-carole@comcast.net.

Nature Notes: Jill Carroll spoke on the topic, **"Green Anoles vs. Brown Anoles."** Afterwards, she indicated that Nature Notes presenters were needed for November and next year. She then announced a 15-minute break.



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Guest Speaker: Scott Jones, Director of Advocacy, Galveston Bay Foundation, spoke on the topic, **“The State of Galveston Bay System Oysters with Special Emphasis on Christmas Bay and Drum Bay.”**

Upon completion of the program, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations: Code "AT: I Received Training," 1.25 hours
- Chapter business meeting: Code "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," one hour + travel time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Ladd Myers, Secretary, TMN-COT